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General Services Administration FAR Secretariat (MVP) ATTN: Laurie Durante 1800 F. Street, N.W., Room 4035 Washington, D.C. 20405

RE: FAR Case 2001 •014

I will encourage your *support* for the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The questionable wording and possibility of various interpretations could create *havoc* with independent contractors.

The rule would also require contracting officials to make determinations/interpretations concerning the contractor's satisfactory compliance with such laws and regulations based on vague criteria, leading to inconsistent application.

The uncertainties of this ruling for the average contractor, with good intentions, could be possibly second guessed by the authorities. If it is necessary to have a ruling of this sort than it should only be done with proper wording that will be specific.

I urge the FAR Council to REPEAL the contractors responsibility rules.

Sincerely,

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